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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 24, 2006, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II claims for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a safety binding assembly, classified in class 280, subclass 628.

II. Claims 19-20, drawn to a vector decoupling assembly, classified in class 280, subclass 611.

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